

# THREE FIREMEN KILLED

## AND TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

The warehouse and stables of the George W. Knox Express Company in Washington, D. C., were destroyed by fire early this morning. Three firemen lost their lives. Over 200 heavy draught horses, nearly all of the company's express wagons, and the contents of the large storage building were burned. The Adams Express Company's stables, adjoining the Knox building to the north, were also almost entirely consumed. About 150 horses were in the Adams Express Company's stables, but all were taken out by the hardest kind of work on the part of citizens and policemen. Eighty-two horses were in the north of the Knox building and two small frame horse back of the Adams stables were destroyed. Six or eight other residence houses were more or less damaged. The total loss will exceed a quarter of a million dollars. The bodies of the following-named firemen have been recovered:

RAMSEY F. MARTIN, fireman, No. 1, of 808 Eighteenth Street Northwest.

MICHAEL FENTON, fireman, No. 1, of 233 Thirteenth Street Northwest.

Four firemen were badly injured and had to be taken to the Emergency Hospital. One of the Knox stable employees was burned and may die. Fully a dozen firemen and policemen were overcome by heat and had to be carried to places of safety. The injured are:

J. G. WILSON, 355 Eleventh Street Southeast, broken arm and leg.

JAMES KELNAR, 407 Virginia Avenue Southwest, sprained back, seriously injured.

LEWIS, 3309 I Street Northwest, burned about hands and face.

JAMES A. HOPPER, Truck A, 501 F Street Northwest, severely injured.

EDWARD CHASE, citizen, shoulder broken.

Unknown persons, Company, probably fatally burned about head and chest.

The fire was discovered at 2:30 A. M. A number of men who were sleeping in the Knox building were awakened by smoke. They found the entire rear of the second floor of the building in flames and had hardly time to escape with their lives. Five minutes later a general alarm was turned in, and in five minutes more the entire Fire Department of the city was on hand.

The horses of the Knox Company could not be reached. There were 205 of them, and they were on the second story of the building, which was a scorching mass of fire.

The Knox building was a four-story structure of brick. On the first floor the heavy wagon of the company was stored. On the second, third and fourth floors hay in bales and other material were stored, which had been stored with the company. Another four-story building of the Knox Company, facing Second Street, and which had been used for storage purposes, was also destroyed.

Shortly before 3 A. M. the most terrible incident of the fire occurred. The firemen tried to get out of the burning warehouse through one of the rear doors. This door was held up by a heavy beam, and the men had just entered the building when the ropes burned through and the door fell, pinning them in. The work of cutting through the door was immediately begun, and was not finished until the door was blown off a crash. The immense weight burst out the door and crushed two of the firemen to death.

Three others were with difficulty dragged out of the debris alive. In about five minutes the fire was under control, and the firemen immediately over the door gave way, filling the wide alleyway, but injuring no one. The massive iron girder which had been supporting the door was still in place, and it was not until about 2:40 o'clock, and it was not until all the toppling walls around had fallen, that the firemen were able to get out.

The great beam had to be chopped away from over the door before it could be removed. Shortly before 1 o'clock today the bodies of firemen Michael Fenton and Dennis Donohue were found. A twisted iron beam was found where the remains of Fenton were discovered. It was a pitiful sight to see Donohue's body thrown across the beam, and his hands firmly grasping the nozzle of the hose which he had been using when the door fell. Fenton's body was buried beneath the wreckage, and he was identified by the alarm-box key found in his pocket. All the bodies were now accounted for, but it is thought that one of the Knox employees is still in the ruins.

The losses, it is estimated, will foot up nearly \$500,000. They are divided chiefly among the Knox Company and the persons who had furniture and other household goods stored in the building. The warehouse was insured for \$75,000, but it is believed that the loss was not covered by the insurance, as it was not considered a safe risk.

Mr. John O. Knox, one of the owners of the buildings, was the wealthiest man in the city, and he was on his way to the fire and severely injured.

**SAYS MRS. SHERMAN CLUBBED HER.**

Mrs. Sherman says she was only defending herself from Mrs. Cahill.

Mr. W. D. J. A. Sherman, the wholesale dealer of Bowling Green, and his wife, Annie Sherman, drove yesterday morning from their \$30,000 mansion on the Boulevard to the Flat-bush Court in fine style. A liveried coachman held the reins, and the car was a very attractive appearance in a white duck suit and sparkling diamonds. The early visit to the court was not voluntary, Mrs. Sherman having been summoned to answer the complaint of Mary Cahill for an alleged assault. The girl had been employed as a servant by Mrs. Sherman for some time. On Monday Mrs. Cahill refused to be employed, and the girl was discharged. Mrs. Sherman then sent the girl to her home, and the girl was found in a state of distress. Mrs. Sherman then sent the girl to her home, and the girl was found in a state of distress.

**SHERLOCK IS GUILTY.**

The "Gentleman Burglar" convicted in the recent Mitchell case, was found guilty of the murder of George Follmer, who was one of Tom Kinsella's pals, and who is now under arrest in New York for burglary. Sherlock was mistaken for George Follmer, who was one of Tom Kinsella's pals, and who is now under arrest in New York for burglary. Sherlock was mistaken for George Follmer, who was one of Tom Kinsella's pals, and who is now under arrest in New York for burglary.

**UNITED STATES CORDAGE COMPANY.**

Frank H. Sturgis, formerly President of the Stock Exchange, was elected President of the United States Cordage Company yesterday. The Executive Committee was constituted as follows:

Frank H. Sturgis, W. Sherman, Francis Smith, F. C. Young, Rudolph Keppeler, and John J. Waterbury.

The company is a new corporation, and its capital is \$1,000,000. It is a new corporation, and its capital is \$1,000,000. It is a new corporation, and its capital is \$1,000,000.

**Parade of the Knights of Pythias.**

WATERBURY, N. Y., July 25.—The parade of the Knights of Pythias in connection with the State Convention was viewed by Gov. Flower this afternoon. Probably on account of the bad weather yesterday the number in line was comparatively small, though there was a good representation from Ulster, New York, Brooklyn, Rochester, Albany, Oswego, Syracuse, and Amsterdam. The thirty-third Separate Company of this city and the Waterbury Fire Department also participated. There were about a thousand men in line.

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